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1. It is believed that Walter Ulbricht's position in the Executive Committee of the SED has been gravely weakened. In addition, his reputation with the SMA has sunk extraordinarily low. It is assumed that he will be removed after the elections and possibly will be placed in a high administrative position in Saxony. After the election a big house-cleaning is expected among high and low officials of the SED.
2. Ulbricht has lost favor because the SED has been following his line and has failed to gain the success it desires and which it had expected. It is predicted that a more radical policy will be asserted within the SED and that present "conciliatory" tactics will be discarded.

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